

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH UNDER SERVICE BOARD

Legislative Bills Make Companies Answerable to State Body.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, March 18.—A bill agreed upon by the Public Service Commissions of the first and second districts, to bring telephone and telegraph companies under the provisions of the Public Service Commission was introduced today by Senator Page and Assemblyman Waverly. It also brings under the jurisdiction of the commission ferry companies and stage lines.

The measure further amends the law to provide the facilities which the commission have found that they lack under the act of last year to do the full work assigned to them.

An important provision is inserted to enable the Public Service Commission for the First District to proceed against the street railroad corporations in New York City for the forfeiture of the rights which they claim on certain streets in the downtown section.

If the commission having jurisdiction decides that the corporation is exercising a franchise without authority of law or has abandoned the franchise, or does not use all or any part of the franchise, then the commission may without leave of court or other authority begin an action for the forfeiture of the franchise.

The amendment specifically provides that the occasional running of cars under the occasional use of such a franchise or part of a franchise for any other purpose than the adequate satisfaction of the public need shall not be construed as saving the corporation from forfeiture.

The power of the commission to supervise gas and electric corporations is considerably broadened, and is made to a large extent a parallel of the supervisory powers of the commission over railroad corporations. The commission's jurisdiction is made to extend to gas corporations which deal in other than illuminating gas.

OLD "SUICIDE HALL," ON BOWERY, BURNS

Fifty Men and Women Driven by Flames From Former Well Known Dive.

McGurk's old "Suicide Hall," on the Bowery, once a source of sin and crime and misdeeds, but now devoted to legitimate manufacturing purposes, and "Joe's" cheap but classy restaurant, was the scene of a lively fire today.

Some fifty men and women, employed in the great factory building, were driven out by the smoke and heat, but the blaze was confined to the second floor where it originated.

The entire floor is occupied by the New York Mat and Pure Mounting Company, a concern which turns out mats, picture frames, and other inflammable stock. The fire started there and shot through it from end to end, fed by the flimsy material at hand.

There are plenty of hall stairways and fire-escapes, so little difficulty was experienced by those who were driven from the building by the fire alarm and the smoke. The response of the firemen was quick and energetic. As they turned their hose into the picture-frame plant, the water pressure fairly swept the blazing material ahead of it.

The factories on the upper floor were not damaged. But Joe's restaurant on the ground floor was put out of business by water.

NEGRO TROOPS BILL PRESENTED IN SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Warner today introduced the Administration bill providing for the re-enlistment of discharged negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who can establish to the satisfaction of the President that they had no participation or guilty knowledge of the affray at Brownsville, Tex. The bill gives the soldiers one year from the date of the approval of the act in which to establish their innocence.

The pay and allowance of such men as are restored to the service will date from the time of their discharge, just as though the re-enlistment had been made at that time. The measure differs from that introduced by Senator Foraker in that it provides for the re-enlistment of the discharged soldiers upon their making an oath that they were not involved in the affray.

PICKS OUT ALLEGED BANDIT.

Bronx Resident Accuses Man in Line-up at Headquarters.

George A. Eaton, of No. 34 East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, at Police Headquarters, during the "line-up" of suspects today, had no trouble in picking out Patrick Nolan as one of the men who shot and killed the daughter of Feb. 27, at Westchester and Bronx avenues, the Bronx.

Nolan was sent to Morrisania Court to be arraigned on the charge of highway robbery. He was arrested last night at his flat, No. 34 East One Hundred and Sixty-third street, by Detectives Allen and Kesselmark. In the gallery, where he is known as Joe Ryan, Nolan's number is 1,079.

HUNGARIAN RELIEF SOCIETY'S BALL.

The Hungarian Relief Society is arranging to celebrate its tenth anniversary by holding a concert and ball on Saturday evening, March 28, at the Waldorf-Astoria. The affair is under the patronage of Baroness Hesselmaier de Hesselmar, wife of the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington.

Guests of honor will be Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Apard G. Gerster. The objects of the society are purely humanitarian. It is the Hungarian Home at No. 3 State street, during the past ten years 3,500 persons were housed in the home and helped.

WIDOW FIVE DAYS, NOW BRIDE AGAIN

Young Mrs. Leonard Just Ignores Convention to Wed Her Wooer

Mrs. Maude Mosher Leonard is a young woman who has gone through the unconventional experience of ending a widowhood of five days by becoming a bride. Ten days ago her first husband, George Laing Homan, of Plainfield, died, and last Saturday she and Crosby Leonard were married by the Rev. William Whiting Davis, of the Church of the Redeemer.

The Leonards live at No. 526 West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, and when an Evening World reporter called there today the bridegroom asked that the bride be excused, as she is ill.

"But she is happy," he said. "We both are, although I don't see any reason to put it in the newspapers."

Mr. Leonard has been employed as an engineer in the Macado tunnel. He said that his bride for several months had lived with her brother, at No. 326 West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

"I am sorry my wife is not able to see you," he assured the reporter, "but she is really too ill to be out of bed."

"How long were your wife and Mr. Homan separated before he died?" was asked.

"Six months," replied the bridegroom, and at that moment a door by which he was standing opened a little and a pretty blonde head was thrust out.

"Oh, no, dearie, you're wrong," said Mrs. Leonard. "It was seven months—for goodness sake, don't make it any shorter than it really was. And the head was withdrawn and the door shut again."

Mrs. Leonard is the daughter of John P. Mosher, a retired cutlery manufacturer, of Plainfield, and her first husband was a prominent resident of that place.

DE VALL SET FREE BY COURT ORDER

Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Restaurant Man on Charge of Wife Murder.

Benjamin de Vall, living at No. 119 Thirty-third street, Woodcliff, N. J., and a restaurant-keeper at No. 222 West Fourteenth street, Manhattan, who was being held on a charge of murdering his wife on the story told by a discharged servant, was today released by Magistrate Droege in Jefferson Market Court.

Mrs. Mollie DeVall, wife of the restaurant man, died on Monday, March 9. She was found in bed with a bullet hole in her head. The Coroner of Hudson County investigated the case and his physician certified that in his opinion it was a plain case of suicide. The body was cremated the following day.

Last Saturday Mary Margaret Flynn called at Police Headquarters and told the detectives that she believed Mrs. DeVall had been murdered. DeVall was arrested, spent the night at Headquarters and appeared in Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Corrigan on Sunday morning. He then told the Court that the Flynn woman had been discharged by him and had demanded money which she claimed was due her. He explained that she had already been paid, but the woman left him dissatisfied. He thought this was the cause of the charge. Nevertheless he was held without bail to await further investigation by the New Jersey authorities. The Flynn woman was held in a material witness and went voluntarily with officers to New Jersey, where she was held in pending an investigation of her story.

The case was brought to the attention of the Grand Jury and yesterday that body decided there was no evidence upon which to indict DeVall for murder.

The Flynn woman is being held in Hudson County for examination as to her sanity. She was having last night and accused the mother of the girl.

MUSIC STUDENTS Should Have Steady Nerves.

The nervous system of the musician is often very sensitive, and any habit like coffee drinking may so upset the nerves as to make regular and necessary daily practice next to impossible.

"I practise from seven to eight hours a day and study Harmony two hours," said a Mich. music student. "Last September I was so nervous I could practise only a few minutes at a time, and Mother said I would have to drop my music for a year."

"This was terribly discouraging, as I couldn't bear the thought of losing a whole year of study. Becoming convinced that my nervousness was caused largely by coffee, and seeing Postum as highly spoken of, I decided I would test it for awhile."

"Mother followed the directions carefully, and I thought I had tasted such a delicious drink. We drank Postum every morning instead of coffee, and by November I felt more like myself than for years and was ready to resume my music."

"I now practise as usual, do my studying, and when my day's work is finished I am not any more nervous than when I began."

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TOLSTOI FAINTS WHILE SUFFERING ATTACK OF GRIP

Alarm Felt for Russian Sage and Doctors Hurry to Him From Moscow.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—Reports of the illness of Count Leo Tolstoy have been received at Moscow. It is said that he fainted yesterday and remained unconscious for a considerable time.

He is quite weak as the result of an attack of influenza, and his condition excites alarm. Two physicians have left Moscow for Yasnaya Polyana, where he resides.

The Count's daughter-in-law is in St. Petersburg. She said today that she had received no notification of Tolstoy's illness and that she thought the reports were exaggerated.

Later reports from Yasnaya Polyana say that Count Tolstoy is somewhat better. The Moscow physicians found that the influenza was complicated with a revival of the Count's old intestinal trouble. This affected especially his

brain and resulted in a loss of memory. They at once took measures to stimulate the circulation of the blood.

Complete recovery is possible, but there is anxiety owing to the advanced age of the patient—he being nearly eighty. The influenza was first manifested on March 13, and the Count grew steadily worse for three days, his temperature 103 degrees Fahrenheit. When he recovered from his fainting spell his memory was temporarily impaired, and it is said that he could not even recall the name of his son.

GIRL TERRORIST ESCAPES SIBERIA

Maria Spiridonovo, Who Killed Police Chief, Reported in Australia.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—It is reported here that Mile. Marie Spiridonovo, who was exiled to Siberia two years ago for the murder of the Chief of Police of Tambov, has escaped and is now in either Australia or New Zealand.

RELIGION TURNS HIS MIND
William Rextree, thirty-two years old and suffering from religious mania, was removed today from his home, No. 63 Bedford avenue, Williamsburg, to the Flatbush Observation Hospital.



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Eye-glasses that are correct for one person are absolutely useless to another.

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